

King's Children.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

The King's Children and the Sunday-school of Milledgeville gave a most excellent Easter entertainment on the evening of Easter. The title of the program was "The Gates Ajar." Sister Laura Robinson was their instructor, and it was pronounced the best entertainment that has been given in the town for some time. The most striking feature of the work was the highly religious and instructive element running through the whole program. Realistic and true to life, it was very suggestive of the road that all pilgrims must needs travel, and presented some of the many questions that face the enquirer after the truth. We feel to thank Sister Robinson for the untiring zeal, and devotion, that is required to render such excellent service. A high order of intelligence and an humble religious mind are not very far apart, in the actual experience of life. The person who thinks, cannot but be to some extent religious, especially at those times, when thought tries to anchor to something that does not perish. Brother Ray Freese, president of the King's Children, filled the roll of "Pilgrim" seeking light, and was responded to by three young ladies, representing "Faith, Hope and Charity." The march of that pilgrim band, to the strains of that beautiful song, was something long to be remembered, and the commemorating of the life, death and resurrection of our Lord, by a great number of young people, was a most impressive service.

Who ever saw a large number of young people at work but has been impressed with the idea that the essential qualities of young life is easily bent, or directed to ennobling and useful purpose.

The one great object of our organization should be kept constantly before us, i. e., Jesus shall reign. Spiritual devotion and consecration of every talent will hasten that day.

We are rejoiced to see how the work is growing in the older states of the east.

If you have kept your committees all at work the past winter, I will warrant that you have done a work that will yield a glorious harvest.

A sister in Pennsylvania writes asking if "we were the first to organize a King's Children Society." I suppose from the letter that some other denomination has claimed to be its organizer. In reply I will say, that the King's Children Society was first organized in Milledgeville, Ill. And that Sister Robinson, the editor of the Junior department of the King's Children paper, was the organizer, and that

brother S. H. Bashor then pastor of the church at this place christened it, "The King's Children." J. O. TALLEY.

THE GOSPEL IN THE HEART.

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In the 40th Psalm we have these words: "Thy law is within my heart." If the testimony of the Psalmist was true as regards the soul attitude of himself toward his God may we not from this glean a truth and apply it to our needs, and condition? Let us paraphrase these words and apply them to ourselves.

Then we would have the following: The Gospel of the Lord Jesus came to me; I felt its power; and it awakened my dormant spiritual nature; also cast out all the leaven of unrighteousness. Now my soul bathes in the sunshine of heavenly bliss. To me has come rest, sweet rest, and the tenets, given by the most High to sinful man are the monitors which propel the activities generated in my three-fold nature. We take it for granted that the term "heart" applies to man's higher nature. To that nature which distinguishes him from all other created being. May we not say it is his spiritual nature, the mind of which Wise says, "it is the glory of man?"

Paul tells us that the "Gospel is the power of God unto salvation unto every one that believeth."

He also tells us that it is not after man, neither received he it of men or was he taught it but he received it by the revelation of Jesus Christ. He also says, "Unto us which are saved it is the power of God."

How may we receive the Gospel into our hearts? Truly we must be taught and know its teachings.

I believe many men have opened their hearts to receive the Gospel by the employment of material agencies. It is said that once an avalanche in the valleys of the Grisons during a night swept over a village. The people were unconscious of its movements and in the morning to their surprise were covered with snow 40 feet deep. So a mind instructed and directed in the proper channels awakens in the morning to find itself buried in the depth of God's love which knows no measurement.

Hence we may say, to receive the Gospel in our hearts is to add new force to what we have already obtained. We all are endowed with faculties and attributes of mind.

The strength of these are measured by their productions.

To have the Gospel in the heart all

soul-activities will be permeated by the spirit of the Gospel.

But the question may be broached how are we affected? what part or how much of our complex nature? To this I would only say, it must of a necessity effect our whole nature whether relating to the spiritual, the moral or the physical.

If we should place a grain of musk in this room all the contents of the room would be permeated by its odors.

Haller relates where some papers were perfumed with ambergies and retained the odor for 40 years. While boxes containing musk retain the odor for an indefinite time. Can we not deduce the following from the above?

Paul says our bodies are the temples of the Holy Ghost.

Then we would say that by the law of analogy, since the odor from the musk permeates all the objects in the room, so the Gospel in the heart will disseminate the essence of pure love and it will be spread through and permeate our entirety, both body and soul. In short whatever stimulates us to voluntary action fills us, governs us, and in a measure is the cause of all conscious activities. As a thimble can not hold all the pleasant odors arising from a grain of musk, so the heart of man cannot absorb all the essence of the Gospel which is an agent, a force, a motive power. The person who has the Gospel in his heart is endowed with much power. He is endowed with the strong electric search-light with which he may search out the intricate paths and hidden recesses of his own soul.

He may throw light in dark corners. He will illuminate his conscience.

He will effect a reformation. We may say the person who has the Gospel in his heart is a reformed man.

Where ignorance and superstition and myths once held sway we see an enlightened intellect enthroned.

This truth may be shown from nature. Withhold the rays of the sun from a plant, then restore sunlight. Notice effects in both cases. We all know the changes.

Hence to throw light of nature, science or religion into places of darkness will dispel the darkness and cause a reformation to spring forth.

Then what will be the result of having the Gospel in our hearts? I believe we may safely say that it will give us a high spiritual culture or nature which Brooks says, "is the highest form of the ethical. It is the ethical acting in relation to the Supreme Being.

It implies the consecration of all our powers to God, and requires their highest and fullest activities, the highest opera-